had been writing to the management protesting against initiating disciplinary action against certain corrupt ITDC officials in connivance with Executive Director (V & S), if so, the details thereof ;

(d) whether it is a fact that ED (V & S) has refused to transfer or initiate disciplinary proceedings against the DGM (Security) for having misbehaved/abused the CMD at his office in the presence of subordinates; and

(e) what steps are being taken to revamp ITDC security and vigilance ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) No, Sir, However, an association of officers has been formed in Sept. 93 which is headed by Deputy General Manager (Security) Headquarters.

(b) Yes, Sir. The management has issued a circular order dated 17th October, 94 debarring the officers of vigilance and security division from becoming primary members or contesting elections/ holding position of office bearers of any union/association.

(c) No. such reference has been received.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Certain measures have been considered for revamping Vigilance & Security Departments. These include cadre review; specialised training of the officials and modernisation of security arrangements.

Use of services of private hotels by AI

2543. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL *alias* MEEM AFZAL : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Air India is taking the services of some private hotels like Taj Group for supplying food for its flights and hiring rooms for its crew and passengers on higher rates against the services of Centaur hotels and chefair of Hotels Corporation of India.

(b) whether the food by Chefair and Centaur Hotel is sub-standard than private five star hotels; and

(c) if so, what is the difference in rupees between the charges of Taj Groups and Centaur Hotels, for supplying different items of food and rooms rent etc. for Air India ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) to (c) The arrangement made for catering and accommodation of passengers and crew by Air India, at Bombay and Delhi are under :

	Bombay	Delhi
Flight Catering . .	(i) Taj Air Caterers (ii) Ambassador sky chef (iii) Chefair	(i) Taj Air Caterers (ii) Chefair
Accomodation for crew/ passengers	(1) Taj Hotel (Rs. 2300 for single bed + applicable taxes) (2) Centaur Hotel (Rs. 1400 for single bed + applicable taxes	(1) Centaur Hotel (Rs. 1100 for single bed + applicable taxes) (2) Hotel Ashok (Rs. 1000 for single bed + applicable taxes (3) Hotel Holiday Inn (Rs. 1662 per day per room including all taxes)

There is no difference in the rate for the food items paid to various flight caterers. However, Air India is of the view that food and service rendered by Chefair is inferior to that of Taj Caterers.

Purchase of new aircrafts for VVIPs

2544. SHRI MOHAMMED FAZAL *alias* MEEM AFZAL : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Air India is purchasing or planning to purchase some new aircrafts for VVIPs ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the present aircrafts of Air India are not flying with full feasibility due to shortage of pilots or other

staff and for lack of proper planning of International routes; and

(c) if so, what is the justification to purchase new aircrafts in the name of VVIPs ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Productivity bonus to travel agents by AI

2545. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL *alias* MEEM AFZAL : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Travel agents are given some productivity bonus by Air India apart from the 9% commission on sale of tickets as allowed by IATA;

(b) if so, what is the procedure of giving productivity Bonus to travel agents ;

(c) how much amount has been given separately to different travel agents as productivity bonus in 1992-93 and 1993-94; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that some travel agents who did more business were not given productivity bonus while other who has done less business were given productivity bonus ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Travel agents who meet the growth related parameters fixed by Air-India, on the basis of the commitments given by them at the beginning of the financial year, are given productivity linked bonus.

(c) Details of the productivity linked bonus paid to various agents in India is annexed. [*See* Appendix 172, Annexure 59]

(d) Productivity bonus has not been paid to whose agents who did not achieve the agreed levels of productivity.

Use of aircraft by Modi Luft

2546. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL *alias* MEEM AFZAL : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that M/s. Modi Luft has brought an additional aircraft without the prior permission of Ministry of Civil Aviation and Tourism as standby aircraft for its flying operations ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that this stand by aircraft is being used by Modi Luft for its regular flying operations: and

(c) if so, what action has been taken against the said airlines by Director General of Civil Aviation ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) and (b) Initially M/s Modiluft was allowed to import one stand by aircraft to be used temporarily as its other aircraft were on mandatory maintenance check. On the request of the operator, the standby aircraft was allowed to be endorsed in their regular fleet.

(c) Does not arise.

Instruction to release advertisements in Indian Language Newspapers

2547. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL *alias* MEEM AFZAL : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION ND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that he has instructed AI, IA, ITDC, HCI and other departments to release 50% advertisements to Indian Language Newspaers;

(b) if so, whether the instruction has been followed by the said department; and

(c) if not, what is the reason therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) Yes, Sir. Public Enterprises under the Ministry of Civil Aviation and Tourism have been asked to release 50% of their advertisements in English and the balance in Hindi, Urdu and other regional Languages.

(b) and (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Restrictions on passengers services of Air Taxi Operators

2548. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are bringing about restrictions on the passenger's services of the Private Air Taxi Operators instead of competing with them ;